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SUBJECT: BARBADOS PM SENDS CONDOLENCE LETTER FOR PRESIDENT
FORD'S PASSING

11. The following message was received 9 January 2007.

Begin Text:

No. 20/2007

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Barbados presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and has the honour to forward the enclosed letter from the Rt. Hon Owen S. Arthur, M.P., Prime Minister of Barbados for the President of the White House, Washington D.C. conveying his sympathy for the former President Mr. Gerald R. Ford. (A copy of the letter is attached).

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Barbados avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America the assurances of its highest consideration.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade
Barbados

January 8, 2007

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Text of Letter:

January 4, 2007

The President
The White House
Washington D.C. 20500
United States of America

Dear Mr. President

The Government and people of Barbados join me in conveying our deepest sympathy to the Government and people of the United States of America at the passing of former President Gerald R. Ford.

President Ford took the reins of power at a difficult and unprecedented moment in American history but, armed with integrity, frankness and commonsense, he managed to heal American society while working to achieve peace in the Middle East and maintaining US power and prestige during the Cold War. He will be remembered for his sterling contribution to American politics.

I wish to take this opportunity to extend sincere condolences to President Ford's family who will be in our thoughts and prayers in their period of sorrow.

Accept, Dear Mr. President, the assurances of my highest

consideration.

Owen S. Arthur
Prime Minister

End Text.

12. The Diplomatic Note and letter will be faxed and the original letter will be mailed to WHA/CAR.
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